

POPE URGES PEACE AS TEUTON KAISERS PLAN FOR COUNCIL

Pontiff's Plea Believed to Be Chief Theme for Forthcoming Meeting of Emperors William and Francis Joseph.

GENEVA, Feb. 22.—The forthcoming conference of Emperors William and Francis Joseph is reported in dispatches received from Austrian sources today to have as its chief object a consideration of a proposal from Pope Benedict that the Teutonic allies signify their willingness to make peace.

This report is borne out by a dispatch from Rome saying that the Pope has approached the Kaiser through a German Cardinal and suggested that, as Germany and its ally have upheld their military honor, terms of peace might be made now.

VIENNA, Feb. 22.—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and Emperor William of Germany are soon to begin their first conference since the war began, the Neue Freie Presse announced today. The two sovereigns will meet on the Austro-German frontier.

The Neue Freie Presse states that Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Browne of Germany and Premier Baron Burián of Austria-Hungary, held a long conference yesterday. The Chancellor was also received by Archduke Charles-Francis Joseph, heir to the Austrian throne, who later had the two Ministers as luncheon guests.

The conference of the Ministers was held at the headquarters of Archduke Frederick, commander-in-chief of the Austrian armies.

ROME, Feb. 22.—That the time is rapidly approaching when the neutral nations must demand that the present war be ended is the opinion of all of the high officials of the Vatican. Up to the present Pope Benedict has been contenting himself with efforts to mitigate the suffering caused by the war. But during the present fast period it is expected an effort will be made to determine whether concerted action by the neutrals is not possible.

The attitude of the Vatican was set forth for the benefit of the United States by Cardinal Gaspari, Papal Secretary of State, who received an American journalist in his apartments at the Vatican today. When informed that the people of the United States were very anxious to learn at first hand just what his Holiness was planning, he said:

"The Holy Father appeals with all of his soul for the re-establishment of peace, especially because his sons on both sides are engaged in a fratricidal struggle."

"Until now the attempt to attain so highly a Christian and humane result by personally appealing to the belligerents must have been deemed certain failure. It was because of the realization of this fact that the Holy Father has to the present time confined himself to doing everything possible to mitigate the unhappy consequences of the war."

"But when the neutral Powers, among whom you will realize the United States holds the first place, judge that the moment has arrived when they can demand peace from the belligerents, his Holiness will be most happy to exchange views on the subject. His entire moral influence is now being exerted for this sacred cause, and the time is ripe now for the press of the entire world to work upon public opinion and hasten this greatly-to-be-desired moment. The press wields a most powerful influence and I am hopeful that its opportunity to force peace now."

"And the mothers and wives of the entire civilized world should act, and should act now. Regardless of nationality, all women should now unite for a great peace movement, and move it along with their prayers and their influence. I have learned with great pleasure of the movement for peace among the women of America, and I am hopeful that it will extend throughout the entire world."

WHAT IF GERMANY WINS?

Professor Ferrero Will Discuss Problem in Public Lecture.

What will happen if Germany wins? Will she be satisfied to remain on the other side of the water? What if the Kaiser succeeds in holding the iron mines of France and the deep, rich coal mines of Belgium? These are some of the questions which are on every tongue in Europe and which are also discussed here freely. These questions were raised by Prof. Guglielmo Ferrero, the eminent Italian historian. Not only is Ferrero one of the most distinguished historians of his day, but being closely in touch with the forces and the men who are to preserve Italy's neutrality, his views are taken unquestionably as one who knows.

A direct reply to the above questions is made by Professor Ferrero in a series of articles addressed in particular to Americans and Italians. Each installment will give new light on the different angles of the world's most significant war. The first article appears Sunday, February 22, exclusively in the Evening Ledger.

GIRL SCOUTS ON "HIKE" TODAY

Walking Entire 12 Miles From Chestnut Hill to Whitmarsh.

Twenty-five members of Troop 8, of the Girl Scouts of America, attractively dressed in neat khaki uniforms and equipped with camping supplies, left Chestnut Hill today on a "hike" through Whitmarsh Valley. Miss "Bob" Vandergrift, 154 Oakdale street, acted as leader.

The girls intend making every bit of the 12 miles. They will cook a meal in approved Indian fashion by holding food on sticks over a fire. From Whitmarsh the girls will walk back to Indian Rock and there disperse. This is the Girl Scouts' regular holiday "hike."

HOUSEHOLDER, HIRE A MAN

Director Cooke Suggests Practical Way of Alleviating Distress.

"Hire a man," says Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, "helps the distressed among the thousands of unemployed by having those repair men or spring clean-up works started now." urged the Director.

He will start a "Hire a Man" campaign with cooperation of charitable organizations, churches, clubs and business houses. Householders will be urged to employ men to paint the roof, to mend broken windows and shutters, to fix the chimneys, clean the yards, scrub the porches or even repair the pavement or carry other sort of odd domestic job.

Three Months for Abusing Policeman

William Moore, of 18 North 4th street, has given three months in the House of Corrections for abusing a policeman.

Moore was arrested by Magistrate at the Park and Lehigh avenues station, the making leading to his arrest. Moore was taken to the station, where he was held for three months. Moore was taken to the station, where he was held for three months. Moore was taken to the station, where he was held for three months.

SEEN AT THE MORNING EXERCISES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA DAY



HUGE WAR ORDERS SHIPPED FROM U. S.

Bethlehem Steel Company Turning Out Millions of Shells for British Army.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 22.—Orders of war materials and munitions for the British Government are being turned out at a rapid speed by the Bethlehem Steel Company. Shipments are being rushed as quickly as possible. The materials ordered are of great variety, but the company officials refuse to disclose the details.

Among the arms manufactured are small field pieces, considered one of the deadliest weapons used in the present conflict by the British army. Three hundred and sixty of these field pieces have been shipped a few days ago.

Two hundred girls will be put to work in a few days at the new fuse factory at Bethlehem, where the proving grounds of the company are located. The fuses are needed in great quantities, as the number of pieces of shrapnel ordered by Lord Kitchener is no less than six million.

The six million shells that are being turned out here are only a fraction of the total order for ammunition ordered by Lord Kitchener from a great many ordnance plants in this country and England.

Most of the shells are being loaded with powder from the Pennsylvania Trojan Powder Works, near Iron Bridge, Lehigh County, a few miles west of Bethlehem, of which the late Senator J. K. P. Hall was the principal owner. The powder mill is kept closely guarded.

The workmen at Bethlehem have been informed that in making munitions for war they are not violating the law of nations. Before the present war started the biggest seller of guns and ammunition in the world was the Krupp works at Essen, Germany. The Krupp works at Essen, Germany, which were demolished by heavier German guns.

PENN STATE GRAPPLERS WIN

Brown, Kirk, Hill and Sawtelle Beat Opponents on Mat.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 22.—The wrestling team of Penn State won three of five matches against Lehigh this afternoon. The summaries follow:

125-pound class—Penn State, Brown, won by technicality. Lehigh, Kirk, lost by technicality.

135-pound class—Penn State, Hill, won by technicality. Lehigh, Kirk, lost by technicality.

145-pound class—Penn State, Sawtelle, won by technicality. Lehigh, Kirk, lost by technicality.

160-pound class—Penn State, Hill, won by technicality. Lehigh, Kirk, lost by technicality.

BRAVE INVALID'S PERIL

Keath's Fight for Life May End Through Attack of Pneumonia.

A brave fight for life began a year ago, when James W. Keath, a student, fell through a skylight at the Jefferson Medical College and suffered a broken back, which was treated in the Jefferson Hospital, where Keath has been a patient, as physicians said today that the severe cold he had contracted threatened to develop into pneumonia.

Only three weeks ago his left leg became infected and was amputated. Keath, who was completing the last few months of his four-year course, suffered the injury when he slipped from a stair to the top of a skylight. Since then he has been a patient at the Jefferson Hospital, where his case has excited keen sympathy. During his sophomore year Keath married. He has a child. His home is in Schaefferstown, Pa.

WOMAN DIES ON TRAIN

Mrs. Anna Barber, 37 years old, 1359 Park Boulevard, Camden, N. J., this morning was stricken with heart trouble on a Pennsylvania Railroad train a half hour before the West Philadelphia Station was reached. She died in the arms of her husband.

Accompanied by her husband, W. S. Barber, and a nurse, Mrs. Barber was returning from Tampa, Fla., where she went in the hope of recovering her health.

Found Dead in Bed

Suffocation is believed to have caused the death of Harry F. Cherkas, of 1317 South 7th street, whose body was found tightly rolled in the bed this morning by his sister Sarah. It is believed that the clothing wrapped about him in his struggles in the night. The man was sent to Mount Sinai Hospital, but efforts to revive him proved futile.

Schooner Wreck to Be Destroyed

The wreck of the schooner Elizabeth Palmer, off Foxfield, Pa., which is a menace to navigation, will be destroyed by the coast guard cutter Mohawk when the sea off the Delaware coast moderates. While the cutter was engaged in planting mines around the wreck, a storm caused a cessation of the work.

Two Held for Horse Stealing

John Russell, 31 years old, of 30 Duane street, and Isaac Gorman, 24 years old, of 11 Duane street, were held in connection with the theft of a horse and wagon belonging to Abraham F. F. of 11 Duane street.

SARAH BERNHARDT'S LEG AMPUTATED

Great Actress Submits to Operation With Fortitude and Cheerfulness.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 22.—"For the sake of my art," Madame Sarah Bernhardt today submitted to the amputation of her right leg from the knee. The operation was performed here early today by Professor Deloué, of the faculty of medicine of the University of Bordeaux. Professor Deloué declared that Mme. Bernhardt bore up remarkably, despite her age, and that unless there are unexpected complications she will have a rapid recovery.

Mme. Bernhardt was in a cheery mood when she was removed to the clinic of the Augustin for the operation. Here King Alfonso and other royal personages have been treated. She greeted the surgeons with a smile and urged that they hurry the operation along so that she might return to Paris as soon as possible.

While hospital attendants were preparing for the operation the actress conversed volubly with her doctors.

"I give my consent to being mutilated because I cannot bear to remain idle," she said. "Work is my life. As soon as I can be fitted with an artificial leg I shall resume the stage and all my good spirits will be restored. I hope again to be able to use that force of art which now upholds me and which will sustain me until beyond the grave."

PUPILS AT FLAG-RAISING

School Children Take Part in Wharton Square Exercises.

A flag was raised at Wharton Square, 24th and Wharton streets, this afternoon, in the presence of pupils of public and parochial schools. Prior to the flag raising there were patriotic exercises, including addresses by prominent men and singing by a large chorus of children.

Black was the chairman in charge of the exercises at the square, and addresses were made by Edward J. Cettell, city statistician, and Joseph McCloughlin, Music was furnished by the John Wanamaker Commercial Institute Band and a salute was fired by that organization as the colors were raised to the top of the new 12-foot steel flagstaff.

\$50,000 Fire in Virginia Town

CHRISTIANBURG, Va., Feb. 22.—An entire block of business houses was destroyed by fire here today. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The First National Bank Building was among those burned.

Two Children Burned

Two children were brought to the Pennsylvania Hospital late this afternoon suffering from serious burns. Dora Rothman, 18 months old, of 22 South 3d street, was scalded about the head and chest when her mother upset some boiling water over her. Frank Caliva, 11, of 28 Montrose street, in an inquisitive mood, struck his hand into a bucket of boiling pitch prepared by a gang of roofers. He will probably lose his hand.

Smoot Urges More Submarines

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—An amendment to the navy appropriation bill providing that 50 seagoing submarines, instead of one, and that 25 coast submarines shall be constructed in place of the 11 proposed in the pending bill was offered in the Senate today by Senator Smoot, of Utah.

Burglars Rob Drug Store

Burglars, who entered through a side window, took \$20 worth of candy and soda and a box of cigars from the Magnolia Pharmacy, 4th and Locust streets, this morning. The proprietor, James Myers, the proprietor, slept above the store.

Ship Sunk in North Sea

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Norwegian freighter Cuba, bound from Liverpool to Rotterdam, was sunk in collision with the North Sea today. She carried the official mail of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium.

\$164,000,000 for Pensions

WASHINGTON, February 22.—One hundred and sixty-four millions for pensions this year was recommended this afternoon by the Senate Pensions Committee.

Jewelry Store Robbed of \$20,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 22.—The jewelry store of Weinstein & Small was robbed last night of jewelry and diamonds to the value of \$20,000.

Bombs Drop on Calais; Kill Four

PARIS, Feb. 22.—A Zeppelin airship flew over Calais today, dropping bombs which killed four civilians, according to a report received here. Afterward it bombarded the Calais Dunkirk railway.

Chestnut Hill Home Robbed

In the absence of the family of Harold Frank, of 201 Oak street, Chestnut Hill, thieves entered the house and stole silverware valued at \$200. The thieves were seized by the tracing of a car window.

MESSENGERS WIN "WAR GAME" WITH INDIANS

Boy Scouts Distinguish Themselves in Hard-Fought "Battle" Near Haverford.



Above are students marching into the Academy of Music. Below is John G. Johnson, who today received the degree of LL.D. In the upper circle is James M. Beck, speaker at the exercises.

J. C. FRAZEE ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT

Vocational Training Director Makes Known Appointments and Promotions.

John C. Frazee, Director of the Bureau of Vocational Education, today announced a number of changes in the bureau to become effective within the present month.

Howard C. Gregson will be promoted from the position of shop teacher in the Vaughn School, Marlborough and Thompson streets, to instructor in manual training in the West Philadelphia High School for Boys.

William D. Lamond will be transferred from the McCull School, 7th and Duane streets, to the Vaughn School, Marlborough and Thompson streets, to instructor in manual training in the West Philadelphia High School for Boys.

PIOTR WIZLA SINGS BEFORE LEDGER CLUB

Famous Polish Baritone Entertains Journalists With Fine Selections.

At a luncheon of the Ledger Club in the Curtis Building this afternoon the members were delightfully entertained by the well-known Polish baritone, Piotr Wizla. The singer, who has a voice of unusual range and power, with a delivery full of fire and passion, sang four numbers of contrasting character with splendid success and was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

FLAG IGNITES, WOMAN BURNED

While unfurling an American flag in honor of Washington's Birthday, Mrs. Bridget Sheridan, of 17th and Ellsworth streets, was severely burned about the wrists and face when the flag caught fire in a gas flame. Policeman Knight, who heard Mrs. Sheridan's screams, entered the house and went to her assistance. He wrapped her in rugs and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Mrs. Sheridan was removed to St. Agnes' Hospital. Physicians say her condition is serious.

MAGNIFYING GLASS FIRE

"Gang" of Youngsters Annoy Shopkeeper and Almost Create Blaze.

Members of a boy "gang" set fire to articles in the window of John Loughran's store, at 2500 North 12th street, by collecting the rays of the sun with a magnifying glass. Hoies were burned in the display of canvas gloves and the paper covering was ignited. This flared up and a small fire threatened to result when a member of the "gang" told the proprietor of his danger.

HERMAN J. BEECKEL

Herman J. Beeckel, 64 years old, of 1730 Market street, designer of men's clothing and the highest-salaried man in his trade, will be buried tomorrow. Mr. Beeckel died last Friday night at his home from heart trouble. Mr. Beeckel began on the bench when he was 14 years old and finished his apprenticeship in Düsseldorf at the age of 17. He is survived by a widow and five children. Interment will be in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

New Enginehouse Dedicated

There was an enthusiastic spirit of patriotism in the program at the dedication of the new enginehouse of the LaMott Fire Company, which took place today. The building is situated on Willow avenue near York road and cost \$6000. Addresses were made by Congressman Robert E. Diefenderfer, Andrew Harnsey, president of the company, and Chief James McConnell. There will be a musical entertainment tonight.

Bryan Intercedes for Priests

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Secretary of State Bryan today announced that he had sent a message to Minister Cardoso, of Brazil, at Mexico City, asking him to use his good offices to obtain the release of the priests imprisoned there by Carranza officers.

Small Child Burned

Mary Walker, 2 years old, was burned while playing near a stove in the kitchen of her home, 550 Collins street, today. She is in a serious condition at the Episcopal Hospital.

Juarez Results

First ten days' results of the election in Mexico, Feb. 15, 1915, are as follows:

State	Party	Percentage
Coahuila	Revolutionary	55
Chihuahua	Revolutionary	55
Durango	Revolutionary	55
Guerrero	Revolutionary	55
Hidalgo	Revolutionary	55
Morelos	Revolutionary	55
Nayarit	Revolutionary	55
Oaxaca	Revolutionary	55
Puebla	Revolutionary	55
Quintana Roo	Revolutionary	55
Sinaloa	Revolutionary	55
Tamaulipas	Revolutionary	55
Veracruz	Revolutionary	55
Yucatan	Revolutionary	55
Zacatecas	Revolutionary	55

RALPH BLUM DIES SUDDENLY AT SHORE

Prominent Merchant Stricken by Heart Disease While Visiting Atlantic City.

Death last night suddenly terminated the career of Ralph Blum, head founder of the firm of Blum Brothers, a member of the State Board of Charities, whose body was brought from Atlantic City this morning to his home, 408 Locust street. He was stricken with an attack of heart disease after 10 o'clock while walking along the boardwalk. He died after being assisted to the Atlantic Hotel where he had been stopping with his wife and three children.

Arrangements are being made for a funeral which will be held on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, of Temple Keneseth Israel, will conduct the services.

According to advice from Atlantic City, the widely known merchant had apparently been in the best of health, and the news of his sudden death will come as a severe shock to his many friends in the city. He spent the greater part of yesterday in a rolling chair on the boardwalk with his wife, two daughters and son. They had left him just a few moments before he reeled and fell after stepping out of the hotel for a short time alone. He was dead before a physician arrived.

In addition to being the founder of the firm of Blum Brothers, he was identified with many charitable and public enterprises and was also a member of many local clubs. He was the active head of the Blum store, which was formerly located at 10th and Market streets, but is now located at 110 Chestnut street. He was also one of the founders of the National Park School, near Doylestown, Pa., and for a number of years took an active part in local Republican politics.

Mr. Blum was first appointed to the State Board of Charities by Governor Storer and was also a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Charities. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile, Clover, Terrapin and other clubs. He was also a director in the Bank of Commerce, 7th and Chestnut streets.

The early nineties he married Miss Martha W. Loeb, who survives him with two daughters, the Misses Teresa and Adelaide, and a son, Ralph, Jr.

FORMER PHILADELPHIAN HOLDS POLICE AT BAY

Robert McArdle Arrested in Washington Hotel After "Shooting Up" Room.

Friends of Robert L. McArdle, who years ago was an appraiser in the customs house, and who formerly lived at 212 North Hancock street, were informed today through dispatches from Washington that while stopping in a hotel in the city he held at bay several policemen after shooting up his room.

McArdle went to Washington 47 days ago to see Representative Palmer, it is said.

Guests stopping in the Iroquois Hotel in Washington were aroused today by pistol shots. They notified their clerks. When McArdle's room was entered he was standing near a window, the police say, firing shots at the ceiling. He was subdued and removed to a hospital.

Two Men Hurt When Scaffold Breaks

Two men were badly injured when a scaffold on which they were working 8 feet above the ground, at Benner and Miller streets, Westmoreland, gave way and they were dashed to the pavement. George Boes, 32 years old, of 20 East Letterville street, had his left shoulder dislocated and two ribs broken, while George Holdman, 24, of 665 East Chestnut street, had a compound fracture of the left arm. The men were rushed to Frankford Hospital.

MRS. MARY E. PAYNE

Mrs. Mary E. Payne, widow of Captain Thomas H. L. Payne, of the 5th Illinois Infantry, who gained the Legion of Honor medal, died at her home, 2140 Locust street. Her death Friday was due to a complication of diseases. Mrs. Payne was the daughter of the late Samuel B. Bernal, editor of the Houston Post, the first newspaper published in Texas. She has three daughters and three sons. The funeral services will be held at the home of the deceased, 2140 Locust street, Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The body will be sent to Galveston, Tex., for burial.

Isaiah M. Mewes' Funeral

The funeral of Isaiah M. Mewes, a director of the Sunday Breakfast Association, was held this afternoon from the headquarters of the association, 25 North 12th street. Mr. Mewes, who for years was active in church and social work, died at his home, 21 West 12th street. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. S. W. Purvis, pastor of the Thirteenth Street Methodist Church, assisted by Louis L. Dean, president of the Breakfast Association.

MRS. CATHERINE S. BERRY

Mrs. Catherine Bheehan Berry, 62 years old, of 15 South 6th street, died today within an hour after being stricken with a hemorrhage of the brain. Her husband, chief clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad, died at his home, 15 South 6th street, this morning. Death took place before Dr. H. T. Smith, of 101 Chestnut street, reached the home of Mrs. Berry, who was celebrating her birthday this week.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Station	6 a.m.	9 a.m.	12 m.	3 p.m.	6 p.m.	9 p.m.	Wind	Clouds	Remarks
Atlantic City, N. J.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Baltimore, Md.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Boston, Mass.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Chicago, Ill.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Cleveland, Ohio	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Dayton, Ohio	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Indianapolis, Ind.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Philadelphia, Pa.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Pittsburgh, Pa.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Portland, Me.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
San Francisco, Cal.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Seattle, Wash.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
St. Louis, Mo.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear
Wash. D. C.	44	44	44	44	44	44	NW 12	100	Clear